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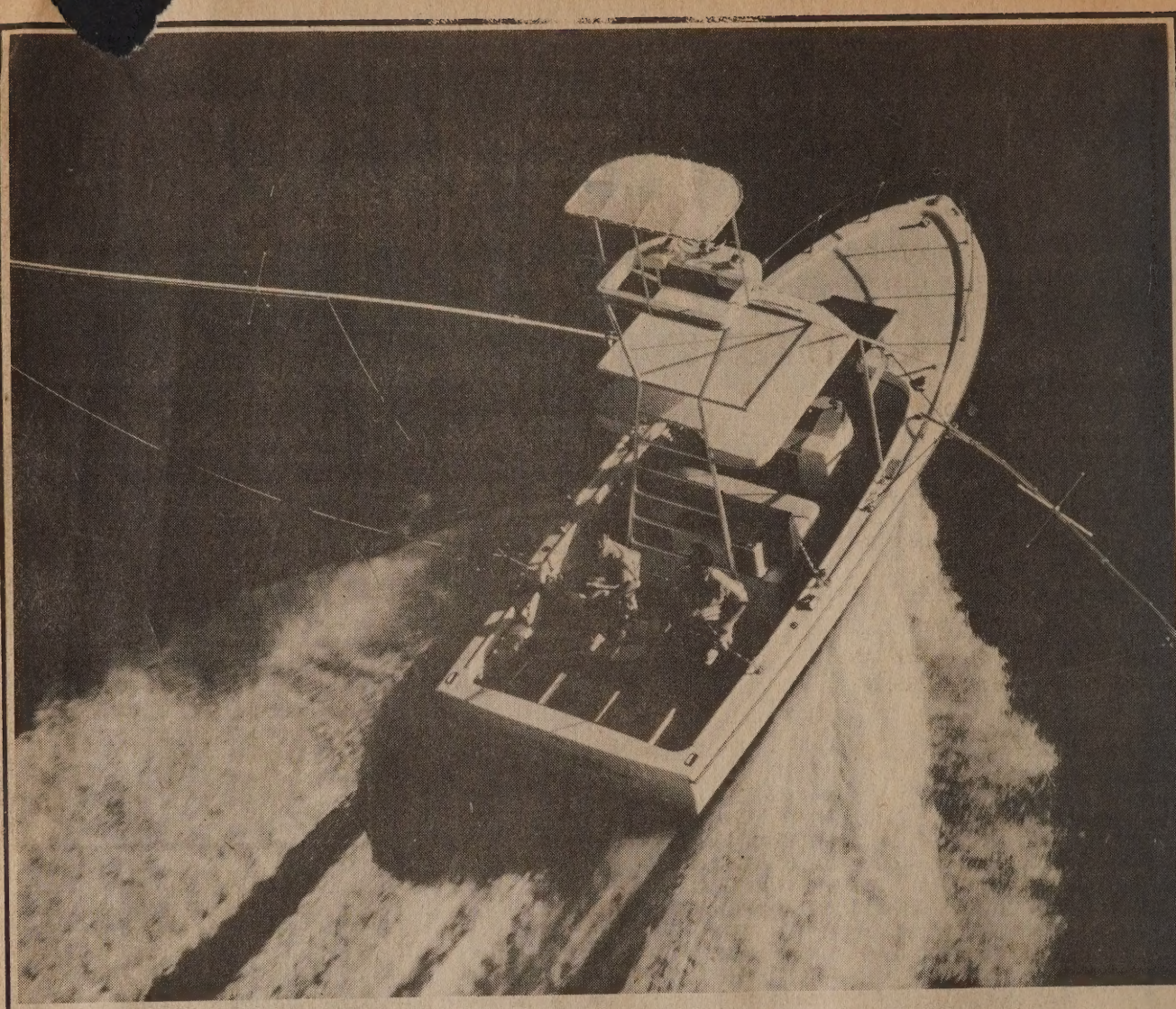

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ABOUT THE COVER: A mate hefts the "scales of justice" to decide the pool winning codfish on an open boat. Election Day marked the traditional start of the fall cod run, so it's time to get those outfits out. See the codfish articles on page 12, 14 and 22. Photo by Dick Mermon of Shakespeare.

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Humpback Porgy Query

I have had a discussion with a friend who said that at Montauk Point there are Humpback Porgies, running from 3 to 5 lbs. I have caught Humpback Sea Bass, but I have never seen nor heard of Humpback Porgies.

I am a subscriper to your LIF. Could you either publish the answer to this question or send me a letter in regard to this question. **Thomas Mason Sr.**

Just as the seabass, large male porgies have a lump of fatty tissue on the farhead which earns them the nickname "humpback". The reason that they aren't seen too often is that usually only the larger fish of 3 pounds and more obtain this lump. But the nickname has become used to describe any large porgy, with or without a hump.

Fish Identification

Those of us who do bottom fishing in Baldwin Bay this time of the year are annoyed by fish, about 7" long, color brown with a huge head and a very large mouth filled with a beautiful set of upper and lower dentures.

This fish is slimy and slippery as an eel. It has a very long life on the cockpit floor.

I used to know the name of this fish, but I have forgotten. It is embarrassing when quests ask me to give them the name of the fish. You know how it is—we are supposed to know everything. We look smart, but we are really as the sign in the bar and grill states: "We Get Old Too Soon Unt Shmart too Late." *Bonnie W., Long Beach.*

With the exception of the "beautiful" set of dentures" it sounds like a hacklehead. Now that you know what they are, there isn't any reason to let them lie in the cockpit dieing while you try to identify them—IS THERE?

CLUB NEWS

Huntington Anglers
Bass Derby Results

Last weekend, the 24th through the 26th, the Huntington Anglers Club held a Bass Derby for members and guests from Friday at 6:00 P.M. until Sunday at 3:00 P.M. 36 people participated.

First prize went to Quentin Leverton, a quest from Bellport for his bass of 23 lbs. 10 oz. Second Prize also went to a guest by the name of Ben Kramer of Oyster Bay for his bass of 21 lbs. 2 oz., while third prize went to member Don Urbanski of Smithtown for his bass of 12 lbs. 2 oz.

Diving & Salvage

The Outboard Skippers Club of the South Shore Power Squadron will hold its monthly meeting at the American Savings Bank, Modell's Shopping Center, Hempstead Turnpike and Newbridge Avenue, East Meadow on Monday, November 10, at 8 P.M. A guest speaker will present a talk on Deep Sea Diving and Salvage. All outboarders and outboard-inboarders are invited to attend.

MAN versus SHARK in New York Waters

From records compiled for the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., under the title, "A List of Shark Attacks for the World."

UNPROVOKED SHARK ATTACKS

Date	Name of Victim	Locality	No. of People	Fatal
Oct. 1865	Peter Johnson	Greenport Sound	1	No
July 14, 1920	Thomas McCann	Freeport	1	Yes
June 26, 1950	Joseph Falango	Rockaway Park	1	No

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PROVOKED SHARK ATTACKS

1941	Paul Ruble	15 miles south of Jones Inlet	1	No
Sept. 1, 1958	John Leszczak	Off Staten Island	1	No
July 29, 1961	Bruno Junker	Oyster Bay, Whitewood Point	1	No

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ATTACKS BY SHARKS ON BOATS

Sept. 2, 1959	Man in an inflated raft	Off Oak Beach, Fire Island		No

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News Releases

Gateway Recreation Area
Breezy Point Headquarters
Off-Road Vehicle Information

1. A permit and key is needed to gain access to the jetty. These items can be picked up at Building 102, Fort Tilden.
2. Equipment required: shovel, vehicle jack, board or other suitable support for jack, tow rope or chain, appropriate tires and trash receptacle.
3. Parking is prohibited in the designated off-road routes.
4. Tents and camping trailers are not permitted on beaches. Sleeping in the open or in regular vehicles overnight is prohibited.
5. Maximum speed shall not exceed 20 m.p.h.
6. All operators must have a valid operators license and proof of ownership and these documents must be presented upon request from Law Enforcement Park Personnel.
7. Vehicles shall not be driven across protected swimming beaches at any time, day or night.
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9. Driving off the designated marked off-road route is prohibited.
10. Persons riding on fenders, tailgate, roof or any other position outside the vehicle is prohibited.
11. No driving on beaches under the influence of intoxicating liguor or drugs.
12. No driver of off-road vehicles may enter or leave the Park except by established entrances and exits.
13. No fires on the beach.

This off-road vehicle system has been established to allow controlled vehicle use of a remote, fragile area within the Breezy Point Unit. Off-road vehicle permits are issued to allow passageway for properly equipped vehicles to beach areas too far to walk to. Your cooperation is asked in protecting the environment so this service can be maintained. Violation of the above could result in the revocation of off-road privileges.

Fly Tying Class

A Fly-Tying Class sponsored by NY State will be held at Nissequog River State Park on Jericho Tpk. in Smithtown. The classes start on Wednesday, November 12 at 8 P.M. and continue for 5 additional consecutive Wednesday Eves at 8 P.M. Fee is $3. Instructor will be Glenn Mikkleson of Trout Unlimited. For further info, call (516) 427-6881.

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CROSSING THE BAR with Don Vetter

MARINE ELECTRONICS
Part III—*Radio Direction Finders*

The essence of piloting is in the plotting of a course and of following it carefully. Periodic checks must be made to keep track of your exact position along the course-line and to determine whether in fact you are making good your intended track, i.e. the course you are steering. In many situations bearings taken on buoys or visible objects ashore whose exact location is known to you and may be plotted on the chart will suffice. Two or more bearings taken simultaneously on different objects will establish your exact position; this is known as a fix. Since visual bearings are taken relative to the ship's compass, they are subject to the compass' inherent errors of variation and deviation which must be allowed for when going from chart-course to course to steer and vice versa.

Visual bearings are all well and good and are a necessary part of accurate positioning, so essential in navigation, but what of periods of fog, limited visibility or when running out of sight of land? Radio direction finding is the answer and is the mainstay of marine electronics. Electronic navigation as discussed here and in part IV is considered to mean navigation by means of electronic equipment, and radio wave emissions received from an outside source.

The radio time signal was the first such aid to come into use. It made precise time available to the navigator for use in conjunction with celestial navigation. Subsequently, he was able, on request, to obtain radio bearings from a limited number of shore stations; usually only one such bearing was available to him at a time. This system was replaced by the shipboard radio direction finder (RDF) which permitted the navigator to obtain a bearing on any radio station which was transmitting signals. In many coastal areas, he was able to obtain several such bearings, which enabled him to determine his position with considerable accuracy. The wide employment of radio direction finders led to the introduction of the term **radio navigation.**

For many decades, alternating current frequency was expressed in "cycles per second." This seemed the natural term to indicate the complete reversal of the polarity of the voltage, and the direction of flow of the current in alternating current circuits. Use of the term has decreased in recent years and is being replaced by **Hertz**, which is synonymous with "cycles per second," in many countries including the United States. It honors the German scientist Heinrich Hertz, a pioneer in the field of electromagnetic radiation. The official definition is: "A unit of frequency equivalent to one cycle per second. The term Hertz (Hz) and cycle(s) per second are synonymous and may be used interchangeably." MegaHertz (millions of cycles per second) is expressed mHz and KiloHertz (thousands of cycles per second) is expressed as kHz. The radio beacons established in coastal regions as aids to navigation transmit on the 190 to 420 kHz band. Commercial radio stations are rarely used for radio direction finding unless the location of the station's transmitter is known precisely.

Radio Direction Finding (RDF) systems, in spite of advances in radio navigation systems that have occurred in recent years, have remained in common use. Most RDF systems utilize a non-directional transmitter and a direction-sensitive antenna system for the receiver. RDF sets aboard ships enable bearings to be taken from other ships, aircraft, and shore stations, marine radio beacons, and the coastal stations of the radio communication network, as well as from commercial broad casting stations. A bearing thus obtained can be used in the same manner as any other line of position (LOP) when the exact location of the transmitting antenna is known.

A radio direction finder makes use of the directional properties of a loop antenna. If such an antenna is parallel to the direction of travel of the radio waves, the signal received is of maximum strength. If the loop is perpendicular to the direction of travel, the signal is of minimum strength or missing entirely. When a dial is attached to the loop antenna, the direction of the antenna and hence the direction of the transmitter can be determined. The pointer indicates the direction of the transmitter from the receiver when the loop is perpendicular to this direction, when the minimum signal is heard. The minimum, generally called the "null," rather than the maximum, is used because a sharper reading is thus obtained. Since radio waves travel a great circle, a correction must be applied for plotting them on a Mercator chart if they eminate from a considerable distance away. A Lambert chart permits direct plotting of all radio bearings whatever the distance between transmitter and receiver. Since short range radio bearings are relatively unaffected by this phenomenon, they may be regarded for all practical purposes as travelling in a straight line and plotted directly on the more commonly used Mercator chart.

Look on your chart for a purple circle around the symbol for a landmark or lighted aid, together with the letters RBn. This indicates a radio beacon on which you may tune in to obtain an RDF bearing. The frequency at which the radio beacon transmits is also given for your convenience. The RDF receiver is equipped with a rotating directional antenna with an azimuth ring from which the bearing, relative to the ship's heading, may be taken. with the set tuned to the desired frequency, the aerial is rotated

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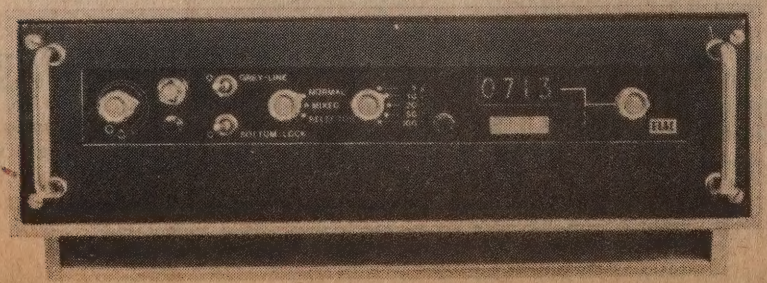

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After the majority of migrants have passed our shores on their leisurely jaunt to the winter haunts, there is still a sizeable percentage of fish that will be working their way southward along the outer beaches.

These fish do not linger too long in one place. Put a little time and effort on the beach and try and locate some of these schools. You'll have some fast action. At times they will give themselves away by cutting up the surface and being given air-cover by circling Gulls. On other occasions it will pay to keep it honest by having at least one guy with his feet wet while the rest sip coffee or whatever against the chill. This is daylight fishing so at least you will get warmer temperatures as the day advances from the late dawn of this time of year.

Any stretch of the outer beach at Fire Island has potential, but being that I'm lazy and buggies are not permitted past the eastern part of Robert Moses, I usually fish the western portion from the wreck to Democrat. This area has a bar running parallel to the beach and it is frustrating at times to watch the fish working along the outside, a cast and a half from where you are standing. There are times when they are obliging and come in with the rising water, over the bar. If sea conditions permit you might be able to wade out onto the bar itself. Too wet? Try that fishing platform, put there I presume by our friends at the Corps of Engineers, although I'm sure we were furthest from their mind when it was being built, I'm talking about the jetty.

It's not much of a jetty, in fact at low water you'd be better off standing on the beach along side. At the top of the incoming and ebb it is a good spot to intercept those passing schools. Not too many fishermen can crowd the end but at this time of year there are not too many of us out there. On one occasion I remember taking 22 school bass from here in a couple hours. Most were returned, keeping only those hooked too badly.

At the extreme western end of Fire Island you have the bar itself or what is left of it after being eaten up by the dredge. This bar juts out into the inlet, and is a good spot on the out-going water as the timeless ritual is repeated again and again. Bait being flushed out of the inlet into the larger fish waiting in the swift water. By the way, if you intend to fish here, hurry up. I was told that the Corps of Engineers are going to cut this bar all the way back to the breakwater, now buried in the dunes.

Just to backtrack in our journey from east to west I almost forgot that shallow bar area between the jetty and the tip which produces action on fairly strong southwest winds and/or some kind of surf flooding these shallows with white water.

If the fish are showing on top there is no problem. Poppers! Heavy Polaris, Lupo or Gibbs if you have to reach out for them. Otherwise it usually makes no difference, anything that will cause a splash on the surface. One word of caution though! As with all fishing there are exceptions and no flat statement holds true all the time, so bring an assortment.

The problem is found when the fish are not showing. After casting blind at all the likely places without getting a raise out of the Popper, get that bag around in front and start the procedure. Start with tin as a second choice, followed by your swimmers and bucktails. The last two not necessarily in the right order.

One method of fishing tin that I have found successful is to let it sink to the bottom after the cast and retrieve slowly with light twitches of the rod tip. The medium size Hopkins fished in this manner spurts along the bottom and has produced fish for me when others went fishless. Bucktails fished in this manner should also pay off but that is not one of my strong points so I'll leave that to your experimentation. Bear in mind that this is all sand bottom, the lone exception being the jetty front at high water.

Most of the fish taken here by the afore mentioned methods will be schoolies but this area at this time of year has had tackle busting blues. These fish are not evident often and are hard to convince to take artificials. So therefore it may behoove you to return to that thing sprouting leaves and try fishing bottom with cut bunker or mackerel. You should have some of that left over after the year it's been. Needless to say they will also take an eel. This can get rather expensive but if money is no object or bunker or mackerel are not to be found be sure to booby trap that snake. Take a piece of plastic covered wire and simply add a tail hook connected by the wire to the front hook.

One incident which comes to mind concerning this type of fishing happened on a bleak November day to Sal and myself. The wind was whistling out of the west at 25 to 30. We were both off from work trying to figure out a place that was fishable with this wind. Our choice was under the light at Montauk. You guessed it, wrong move. Over a hundred miles round trip while in our own backyard the Greek and company were hauling blues. If memory serves me right, I believe up to 19 pounds, fishing into the teeth of the wind, on the tip of the bar at Democrat. Sometimes it doesn't pay to think.

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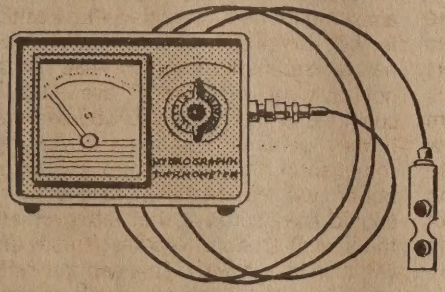

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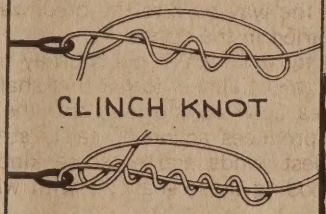

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MOST SHARKS APPEAR TO BE "HOME RANGERS" COVERING A WIDE AREA IN SEARCH OF WOUNDED, SICK AND OLD FISH FOR FOOD. THEY DEFEND NO FIXED AREA OF THE SEA BOTTOM SUCH AS THE MORAY EEL IN ITS OWN TERRITORIAL CAVE.

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Whiting Evans

The Casting Gourmet

Shrimp Christmas Tree
Codfish Chowder
Flounder Roll-Ups

Once again we are indebted to one of readers, namely Tom Van de Kieft o lives in Miller Place. Long Island, sending me the following recipe for a ackfish salad.

Tom tells me that he fishes a good deal the north shore in the vicinity of his me and that one day he met this old alian gentleman who related this recipe him. He tried it and found it elightful.

Blackfish salad

The recipe calls for a blackfish eighing between three and five ounds. He says to cut off the head and lean it out thoroughly. Place into a pot f boiling water to which a little salt has been added. Boil about ten to fifteen minutes. Then remove all the meat from he bones and place in the refrigerator until it is cold. (Gourmet's note: It would appear to me that it would be simpler to fillet the meat from the whole fish and remove the skin and then to boil it for about five minutes.)

When you are ready to serve the salad, place the minced boiled fish on some lettuce and tomatoes and cover with a sauce made of half each—chili sauce and horseradish. (A four pound fish will yield enough meat for about two persons.) Sounds good!

A Shrimp Christmas Tree

The following recipe comes from the National Marine Fisheries Service. It seems to me that the idea for this method of serving shrimp will be much appreciated by those who appreciate the LOOKS as well as the taste of their food. The SERVICE states "There isn't a partridge in this tree, but a generous helping of flavorful Gulf shrimp perched on endive boughs and ready for a quick dip into a zippy cocktail sauce. As a colorful, edible centerpiece on the buffet or a festive holiday dinner table, this tree is certain to capture compliments for the clever host and hostess. Try it—we'll wager that it will become a tradition for you!

3 pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen
2 quarts water
½ cup salt
4 large bunches of curly endive
1 styrofoam cone, 2½ feet high
1 styrofoam square, 12 by 12 by 1 inch
1 small box of tooth picks
Cocktail sauce

Thaw frozen shrimp; place shrimp in boiling salted water. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and tender. Drain. Peel shrimp leaving the last section of the tail on. Remove sand veins and wash; chill. Separate and wash endive; chill.

Place cone in center of styrofoam square and draw a circle around the base of the cone. Cut out circle and insert cone. Cover base and cone with ever lapping leaves of endive. Fasten endive to styrofoam with toothpick halves. Start at the outside edge and work up. Cover fully with greens to resemble a Christmas tree. Attach shrimp to tree with toothpicks. Provide cocktail sauce for dunking shrimp. Makes 12 servings.

Now that the fall flounder run is on and so many fishermen are gung-ho to capture this flatty delicacy, the following recipe looks and is particularly tantalizing:

New Bedford Flounder Roll-Ups

12 large flounder fillets, fresh or frozen
8 strips of bacon, diced
½ cup melted butter or margarine
6 cups cornbread crumbs
½ tspn dried chervil
½ tspn dried tarragon leaves
Hot water
Butter or oleo

Defrost the fillets, if frozen. Cook

bacon crisp; drain on absorbent paper. Drain bacon drippings; measure ¼ cut and add to melted butter. Combine cornbread crumbs, bacon, herbs and combined fats; mix well. Add enough hot water to make stuffing as moist as desired. Place spoonful of stuffing on each flouner fillet; roll up firmly. Line baking pan with foil. Grease foil. Place roll-ups in pan; dot generously with butter or oleo. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Serve with a sauce of your choice. (Hollandaise would be my choice.) Makes 6 to 8 servings. (roll-ups are easily cut in half to serve 2½ per person.)

Cape Cod Fish Chowder

3 lbs. fresh or frozen cod fillets
¼ lb. salt pork
3 large yellow onions, sliced thin
4 cups thinly sliced raw potatoes
4 cups boiling water
4 cups milk
salt and pepper to taste
Common crackers or pilot crackers

Defrost fillets, if frozen. Cut in 2 inch pieces. Dice salt pork; fry slowly in heavy kettle or Dutch oven until golden brown and crisp. Remove pork; save. Cook onions in pork fat in kettle until soft but not brown. Add potatoes and boiling water. Cook until potatoes are almost tender. Add fish; cook about 15 minutes longer or until fish flakes easily with a fork. (At this point chowder may be refrigerated overnight if desired—flavor is enhanced by the next day.) Add milk; season to taste with salt and pepper; heat to serving temperature but do not boil. Garnish with cooked, diced salt pork. Float split common crackers on each serving or crumble pilot crackers on top. (Makes 8 servings.)

Festival Sauce

Here is a sauce that sounds too good to be true! Just reading the recipe for it has made me hungry! I'm almost drooling!

1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons grated onions
¼ cup chili sauce
2 tablespoons snipped parsley
Dash Tobasco Sauce
1 tablespoon minced pimiento
⅓ cup dairy sour cream

Combine the ingredients except the cream. Chill several hours. Just before serving fold in the sour cream. Makes 2 cups. This sauce is especially recommended for use with pollack (Boston bluefish) steaks which have been broiled and cut 1 to 1¼ inches thick.

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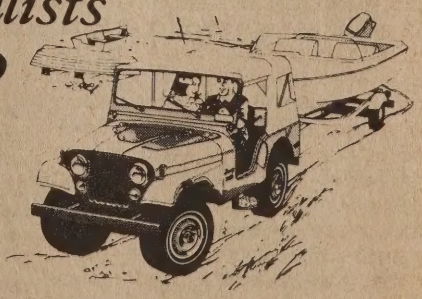

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THE BOTTOM LINE

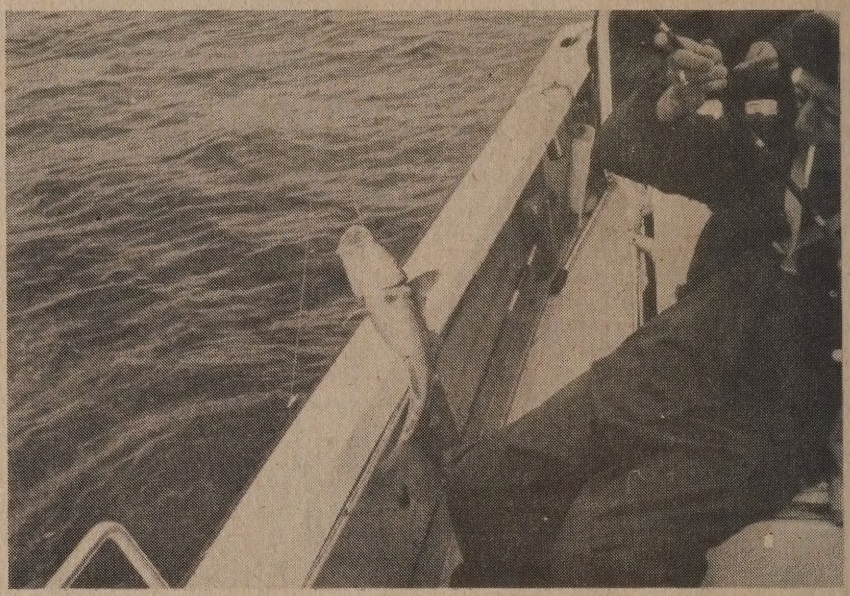
with Scott Simons

BASIC CODFISHING *Part One*

This Tuesday is Election Day, the traditional starting time for winter codfishing. Just as St. Patrick's Day marks the start of the spring flounder run even though few of the flatties are actually taken that early, the cod won't exactly be jumping in the boat on Election Day. Never-the-less, it's a good time to get your equipment in shape because the first reports of good catches of baccala should be coming in shortly.

In other words, be prepared! The beginning of the run usually provides the hottest action of the season, when the cod will often pounce on the bait with a gluttenous vengeance. Once the water begins to cool and the cod are settled into their winter haunts they will become very skittish and much more difficult to catch. So if you want to fill up that freezer with cod steaks and fillets, be ready to do some fishing in November and early December when the fishing is hot and the weather is still relatively nice.

The tackle used for codfishing is on the heavy side compared to that used for most of our bottom fishing because of the deep water, heavy sinkers used and big cows that you may run into. Rods should have plenty of backbone and be between six and eight feet in length, depending on what the angler can handle easily without becoming arm weary. Match the rod with a good 3/0 or 4/0 Penn or Garcia Reel. Personally, I use a Penn 112H because it has a high retrieve ratio that allows me to get my rig up quickly in deep water to check my bait. Spool the reel with a good grade of monofilament line testing a minimum of 25 lbs. but in no case more than fifty. I lean towards the lighter lines myself for two reasons: the reel has a greater line



capacity and you can get away with using less lead to keep the rig on the bottom. The one drawback of using monofilament line is the tremendous amount of stretch it has which often makes it difficult to feel a bite and set the hook, particularly in water a hundred feet or more in depth. If you do a lot of codfishing in deep water you're best bet is to use braided dacron line, which has very little stretch and will telegraph the bite of a fish to an angler much more effectively. But if you decide to go the dacron route, make sure that you use a monofilament leader eight or ten feet long. As we will discuss shortly, cod are often very line shy so a mono leader is absolutely essential.

The choice of sinker types can often be a critical decision for the angler to make if he is going to catch codfish successfully. Limit your inventory to two patterns: the bank and the diamond sinker. Use the bank sinker when the boat is drifting or you are fishing over a wreck or rough bottom where sinkers tend to get hung up often. Do NOT use the bank when the bait is anchored over a flat bottom or the cod are spooky and are only taking a bait fished "dead" in the water because they will roll along the bottom, keeping the bait in motion. Use the diamond sinker at these times, which will lie flat on the bottom and hold the rig stationary.

Carry a good supply of sinkers ranging from 8 to 16 ounces. Don't make the mistake of combining two sinkers for a heavier weight, like an 8 and a 4 ounce sinker to make a twelve. This does NOT accomplish the same thing. Two sinkers will tend to move like a propeller, spinning around and tangling up the terminal tackle as it is lowered to the bottom on free spool. Don't make the mistake of carrying fifty pounds of sinkers in your tackle box unless you want to buy a new one every year because the handle has broken off or pulled out on the old one. Best bet is to carry them separately on a wire coat hanger that has been bent and fashioned into a large safety-pin. Alternate the sizes of the sinkers on the hanger (8, 12, 16, 8, 12, 16 ounces, etc.) so that you don't have to take half the sinkers off in

Figure 1.
Dropper Loop

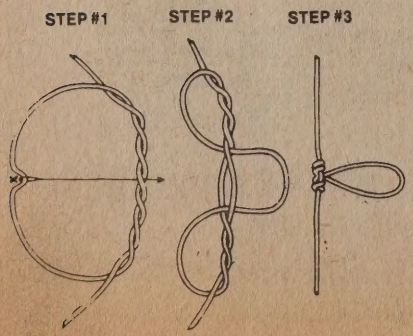
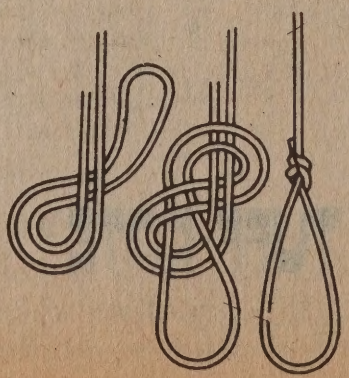


Figure 2.
End Loop



order to get to one particular size. Another good way of carrying sinkers is to strap them around your ankles for ankle weights to help build up your leg muscles, but this should only be done if your insurance policy is all paid up and your subscription to The Fisherman is about to expire.

Cod are often extremely line shy, which makes the manner of rigging the terminal tackle correctly essential to success. This automatically eliminates fancy trimming like wire sinker clips, wire arms that theoretically hold the hook snell away from the leader and pretty red beads. As a point of information, red light rays are the first to disappear from the color spectrum after penetrating about thirty feed of water, so don't let anyone con you into believing that the cod are attracted to their color. In any case, cod usually don't feed on salmon eggs so why bother.

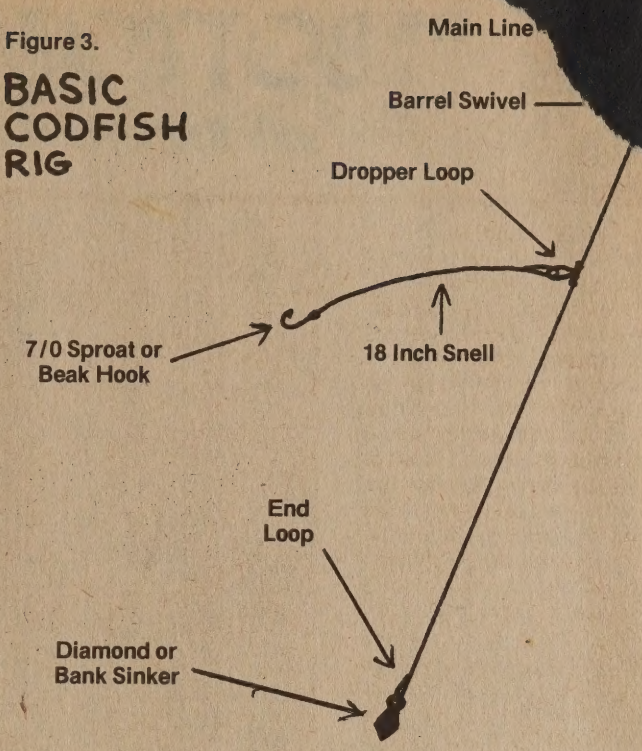
So dispense with all the wire, beads, 3-way swivels and other unnessary and harmful paraphernalia and tie your hooks and sinker directly into the line. Attach hooks to the leader by means of a dropper loop and the sinker with an end loop. (See diagrams 1 and 2.) The only piece of hardware necessary is a barral swivel to connect the leader to the main line to prevent excessive line twist. Heavy, stiff leaders four or five feet in length should be used because they will cut down on the number of time that the rig will foul itself. If your main line is 40 or 50 lb. mono, you can get away with tying hooks and sinker directly into the line.

The bottom rig you use for cod can have two hooks, but one will do the job and there is less chance of the rig becoming fouled on the way down to the bottom. The important factor to keep in mind when attaching the hook to the leader is the distance above the sinker. Codfish cruise higher off the bottom than most other bottom feeders, which must be taken into consideration, and if the bait is rigged too low two negative results may occur: the bait will be suspended below the feeding zone of the cod and within the range of scavenging fish like the dogfish and bergall that often hug the bottom. Tie an end loop at the end of the leader for the sinker, and a dropper loop about three feed above for the hook. If you start losing bait to trash fish and aren't taking any cod, increase the distance to four feet.

A good all-around hook size for cod is the 7/0 in either the sproat or beak style. It will take cod easily throughout their wide size range, while at the same time a 7/0 is not so heavy as to make the snell drop down from its weight and result in constant tangling around the leader, which can be fatal to your success. Hook snells should be no longer than 18 inches and be heavy and stiff to hold the bait away from the leader and suspended in the current. As with all fishing, hooks must be kept razor sharp and checked constantly throughout the day.

Figure 3.

BASIC CODFISH RIG



Next week we'll talk about bait for codfish. I'm sure that many anglers out there will be surprised to learn that clams aren't the only bait for cod—they aren't even the best!

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ps That Catch Cod

by Matt Ahern

If you do your codfishing aboard party boats, I'm sure you've noticed certain fishermen who usually manage to outfish the competition. If you're not a member of this select group, have you wondered why? Have you ever asked yourself: "What the heck are those guys doing that I'm not?"

What do they know that you don't?

Are they using better equipment? Perhaps, but all things being equal, this is not necessarily so. A drop line in experienced hands will often outfish a rod. What then? Better bait? Maybe, but usually not. Been fishing longer? Perhaps; but not of too great an importance in this respect. Knowledge of the fish being sought? Ahhh! Yes, indeed.

With the answer to that question, we have finally arrived at the main reason many of those knowledgeable fishermen are able to consistently outfish the average angler.

Don't be mislead. We're not discussing the occasional beginner who latches on to the pool-winner to the chagrin of the veteran angler. This novice is just plain lucky, and we all have been courted by lady-luck at some time or another.

And we're not discussing the fishermen who seem to have an in-born feel for the sport. There are such fishermen, you know. In the business world these people are called geniuses. In the fishing game, they become party boat skippers, mates and guides.

We're discussing the average fisherman who has his hopes set on snagging a cod or two, but for some reason finds he's having a difficult time. If used faithfully, the following cod tips I've garnered over the years will help these fishermen increase their cod catch. They've worked for me time and time again and I know they'll work for any fisherman putting them to use.

All that is needed is a generous supply of knowledge, plus the willingness to employ what has been learned. Used as described, these tips will help bring cod to gaff. Nothing more is needed.

There are many tips and tricks to codfishing from an open boat, as the author notes. Photo by Ron Onorato.

There are days when fishermen find cod belting the baited hook the instant the sinker hits bottom. These are the days every fisherman dreams of, but sad to say, they are few and far between. Most times fishermen have to work for their cod. But if the fisherman will bear in mind that cod are often line shy, he'll have surmounted the biggest obstacle to success.

From my own observations, I find that where the fisherman errs most is in his selection of terminal tackle. It is here where the fisherman should apply the cardinal rule pertaining to all bottom fishing: the less hardware, the better. Give those fancy red beads, those bright brass swiveling hooklears and related accessories the deep six if you want to constantly catch cod.

In their place, use dropper loops. If you feel these may cut into your line, use "Quick Rigs". Cod seem never to notice them. These handy little gadgets are found in most tackle shops, cost pennies, and take but seconds to place on your line. If you are unsure just how to use, ask the man behind the counter to demonstrate.

Don't forget that proper hook size is extremely important. The standard cod hook is the Sproat pattern in sizes 5/0 to 9/0. My preference is the regular-shanked 5/0, although this size in claw or beak-style will also do the job. Many fishermen feel that because the cod is a large fish with a gaping mouth, large hooks are necessary. This, of course, is not so.

My reason for recommending 5/0's instead of a larger size isn't because large hooks may frighten off the cod, which is quite possible, but that fishermen tend to garnish these large hooks with generous amounts of bait. This in turn makes the hook heavy, and being heavy it hangs down instead of outward, often tangling about the main line. Especially is this so when using eighteen inch or longer snells. Needless to say, cod are more likely to consider bait held away from the line more appealing.

Which brings us to bait. It is here where mistakes are easily made. The same reason why many fishermen use too large a hook is why too large a bait is used. They go hand in hand.

If you doubt this, watch the fisherman who has few if any cod. I'm certain you'll see gobs of bait stuck on his hooks. Then notice the guy who's getting fish. You'll see him pains-takingly selecting medium-sized slices of skimmer from the bait pan. Not only this, but rarely will you see him use more than one of these slices on each hook. Do the same and catch cod.

There is nothing difficult about rigging, but there is more to it than meets the eye. As cod usually swim higher than most bottom fish, some fishermen rig accordingly, using only one hook. Especially do they choose this one-hook rig when the catching of ling or blackfish directly on the bottom is of little interest. This single hook is usually tied in three feet above the sinker.

This choice is often best, too, when bergalls are thick. Not that these pesky bait-stealers have any qualms about swimming off bottom for your choice skimmer, but they seem to sense that doing so is apt to cause them to wind up in some sharp-eyed cod's stomach.

By using the single high hook, the codfisherman not only saves himself the annoyance of frequent rebaiting, but he'll be able to keep a still line, which is something hard to do when bergalls keep pecking away.

This last observation is most important. If you want cod, let that bait remain suspended quietly as possible. Yes, I know, you'll see fishermen jigging for cod and they do get an occasional one, but you'll get more by fishing a dead line.

If you doubt this, think back for a moment to the commercial set-liner. He anchors his trawl for a prescribed length of time and then goes about his business elsewhere until that time is up. When he returns, he retrieves that trawl and removes his fish. This expert fisherman knows cod like you know the back of your hand, and not only is he making a living the hard way, you may be sure he's not kidding. Take a tip from this enterprising fisherman and modify your angling methods to his.

If your party boat is drifting over open bottom, you can jig if you wish; the bait is moving anyway. But don't jig too high off bottom. A slight rhythmic lifting of the rod tip is all that's necessary. Remember the cod's shyness and act accordingly.

Occasionally, you will see fishermen several feet away having more success than you. What's wrong? It's quite possible your bait is being obscured by uneven bottom formations. Remove you top hook and tie it in about eighteen inches higher and see what happens. If still unsuccessful, raise it a bit more if you wish, but I'd think about moving to another spot on the boat, if possible.

Any nibbling is being done by small fish, so don't trick yourself into believing a cod is giving your bait attention. Cod don't nibble. They will either sock the bait with gusto or shuggle up quietly and inhale the hook, giving no notice of their presence. You'll find that the largest cod often act this way, so it behooves the fisherman to check his line every few minutes by gently lifting the rod. If weight is felt, drive the hook home—hard, and be prepared for a merry few minutes.

I know it is hard to do, but if a solid bite is felt, wait for at least three good tugs before attempting to set the hook. Should you miss, give the fish time to return, which it will quite often do if bait is left behind. Of course, you have no way of knowing if bait does remain, but it will pay to wait a short while before reeling in. I caught one of my largest cod by doing this.

It's always a good idea to try getting away from the competition by casting out from the boat with the underhand method. This works especially well when wreck fishing as cod seem to cruise along the wreck's outskirts, You'll lose less rigging, too.

If you are in the pool, be sure any cod brought to the surface is gaffed in the head if at all possible. Belly-gaffed cod will lose body juices and many

Giant cod are taken year 'round Coxe's Ledge off Montauk, as can b seen by the "hangers" in this phot Photo courtesy of the Viking Sta Montauk.

pools are decided on by ounces. Don' exhibit about the boat no matter hov proud you are of your prowess. Don' allow the fish to dry out. Keep out o wind and cover with wet burlap o something similar.

Lastly: Read up on your subject. There are many fine books of fishing in your local library. **The Fisherman** carries many good articles on codfishing that are sure to help novice and veteran alike. Study them. Take advantage of this wealth of information and you'll have no trouble catching cod.

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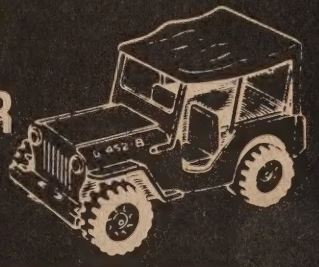

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Late Season Bass Trolling

Part Two

by Ron Onorato

There are four categories of lures asically, with some being more popular an others. These include; 1. Large arge Tubes and Plastic Eels, 2. Bunker oons, 3. Big Swimming Plugs, and 4. mbrella Rigs.

1. Tube lures and plastic eels. The ing simgle, surge tube lure has lost me of its popularity among the ollers, but none of its effectiveness. here are so many different makes and rands on the market that it can be onfusing selecting the right ones. ersonally, I make my own tubes of ¾ nch tubing. Forget about using small ubes. Don't bother with a tube of less han 14 inches long and don't be afraid o use them as long as 18 inches. As far as colors are concerned, black and red are by far and away the best colors.

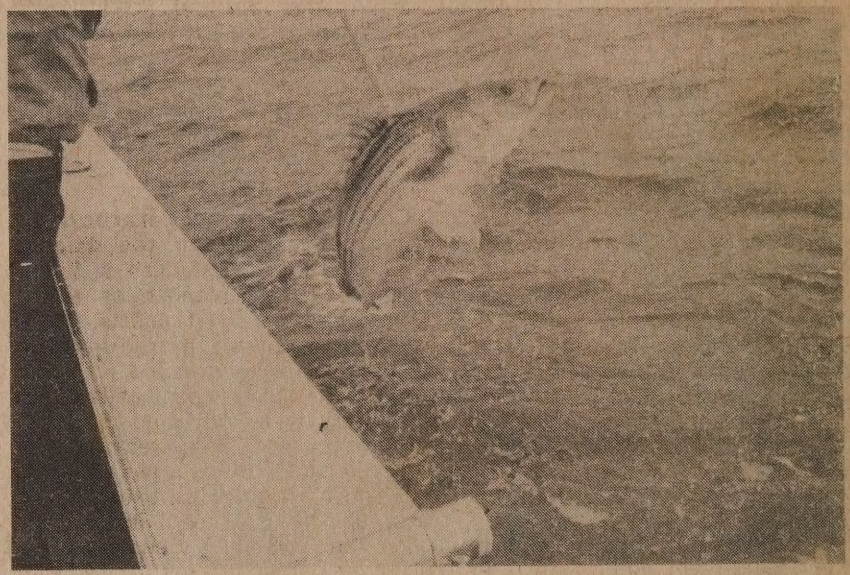
Proper presentation is important here. The concept of the surge tube is to simulate an eel swimming. If the tube swims in small circles, then you have the desired trolling speed. It shouldn't wiggle or waggle, but look like an eel snaking its way through the water.

In order to get the desired action on the tube, the tube has to be shaped. A good tube lure has a piece of flexible wire throughout that allows its users to bend it. Lately there have been several □ tube lures produced that have this natural curve molded in.

2. Bunker Spoons. Trolling Bunker spoons has really mushroomed over the south shore beaches during the past few years, this I suppose is because of the large amount of bunkers that are offshore. The desired action of the spoon is the side to side throbbing. Jerking and spinning in the water must be avoided at all times. A stiffish rod has a tendency to cause the spoon to jerk, so the need for a soft rod is evident.

3. Big Swimming Plugs. On the rise in popularity is the use of the big swimming plugs. These big chunks of wood range from 6 to 9 inches in length and come in a wide range of colors from natural to blue, yellow and white such as the Danny plug by Lupo, Stan Gibs Swimmers, and Creek Chub pikies. The desired action of the plugs is a slight side to side wiggle, not too violent, but not too passive either. The best time for plugs is usually night, with their effectiveness diminishing as the sun gets higher.

4. The latest addition to the parade is the **umbrella rig**. Long thought of as a tool to the school bass troller, so many big fish were taken last fall off the beaches on these multiple tube lures that they must seriously be used. The resurgance of a sizeable sand eel population is perhaps the reason for its effectiveness.



A majestic bass is hauled over the side.

The standard 4 arm umbrella rig was used and it did produce, but its use creates a lot of drag on the rod. A find wire umbrella that is relatively low in water resistance is best. All purple tubes or all red tubes seemed to be the best all around producers, though several remarkable catches were registered with white tubes. A good hint here is to maintain one color scheme throughout the entire umbrella rather than have several colors mixed.

When big fish predominate, instead of using armed tubes on the arms of the umbrella, just keep the long, singletube live and keep the rest of the tubes as teasers. In most cases, the larger fish take just the center tube. You can troll reasonably fast, with the desired action being a slight spinning of the tubes simulating a school of sand eels.

You will find that no matter which of the above lures that you use, some will catch fish and some won't. I have taken two exactly alike plugs out of the box, and have one produce fish while the other was seemingly useless. The idea here is to keep trying until you find the successful combination. This means keeping track of all lures that produce fish and discarding those that don't. This is just one of the many aspects that must be taken into account in order to achieve some measure of success.

After properly rigging yourself for trolling, finding the fish is the primary concern.

Boats of all shapes and sizes are suitable for offshore bass trolling, some more so than others, so I will not dwell on this matter too long. Of more importance is the necessity of having a well tuned engine that can stand up to several hours of very low idling speeds. I fish primarily from an outboard rig, and it is not too difficult to get the idle down.

The single most important piece of equipment that any serious bass troller should have is a paper recorder. Without the recorder to mark the levels at which the fish are at, much time may be spent dragging hours over barren waters.

The area you will be trolling will range from Fire Island Inlet to Breezy Point. Since this area includes over 20 miles of water, before starting out on any trip try to find the general area in which the fish were last reported. Ask around, look at the latest fishing columns; this will at least give you an idea where to fish. The fish at this time of year are migrating, and every day is different.

The 20 to 50 foot water levels are the depths that the fish most usually travel as they head south. Therefore, try to

concentrate your efforts in these areas.

Suppose you have an idea of the general feeding area of the bass. The next step is to find the desired lure. As mentioned earlier, the bunker spoon is perhaps the most effective daytime lure employed. Dragging an umbrella rig or tube when the bass are feeding on bunkers is not a good practice. Again, its a matter of keeping your ears open and trying to find out what the fish have been taking lately. If you are in doubt, try the big plugs in the early morning, and the spoons and umbrellas in the daytime.

Suppose again that you have found the right lure. Proper presentation is the next step. In order to cover as much water area as possible, fish as many lines as you can.

There should be one holder on each side of the boat, and one more in the center of the stern. The holders on the side should be angled at about a 45 degree angle from the surface of the water. The one in the stern should be upright.

If fishing three outfits, you want to fish three different depths until the feeding level of the fish is found. The starboard line is set out at 175 feet, the port one is given 200 or 250 feet, while the third one is set out at 300 feet.

As a good bet, I start trolling at 30 feet of water and troll south until I hit 50 feet of water. I then run back angling towards the north. After you make the first pass, bring up the lines and start another pass, this time moving east or west a bit.

When you get a hit, note the rod on which it was. Also glance at the beach and try to pick some sort of east-west range. Keep an eye on the recorder and get the exact depth at which the strike occurred. The next thing to do is to rig all your outfits at the same depth as the outfit on which the hit was received. Set up your shore ranges and water depth and work the area good.

One important thing to remember here is never mix lures when you're trolling. If you're towing big spoons, don't put out any tubes. Each type of lure is trolled at a certain speed and if you mixed them up, one would suffer.

If you happen to run across a school of bunkers in the course of your days trolling, make several passes around the edge of the school before moving on. At this time of year these schools of bait usually hold bass.

As another guideline, fish your lines closer to the top at dawn and dusk; bass have a tendency to feed higher up at these times. As the day wears on, go deeper.

This pretty much wraps up the basics of offshore trolling. The surface has merely been scratched for it would take a full length journal to properly outline this exacting art. It takes many, many years of trying before really getting into the groove. The one thing that you must have, as is the case with any sort of bass fishing, is patience. Don't expect to set the world afire with action. Sure there are always the first shot luckers, but this doesn't happen often. Just remember that you are dealing with one of the most demanding types of bass fishing, and if you master it, consider it quite an achievement.

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until the signal fade-out or "null" is found. The bearing may then be taken from the azimuth ring, and applied according to the boat's compass heading.

Crossed bearings may also be taken by finding the null for two different radio beacons to establish a fix in much the same manner as visual bearings on two fixed objects. Aside from taking bearings, the radio beacon may also be used to home in on by setting the aerial dead ahead and finding the null by altering course of the vessel until the desired affect is achieved, and then following the radio wave in. Care must be exercised to ascertain the distance it is safe to follow the radio wave's line, lest you run aground in an attempt to close with the transmitter. This method is so accurate that when lightships were in more general use, they would transmit a warbling note at close range to warn the mariner of his proximity in order to prevent the danger of his imminent collision with the lightship itself.

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the currents. But if its a border line choice of too light, maybe just right, or a little too heavy, err to the slightly heavier than necessary diamond sinker.

Baits—all open and charterboats and most private boats use clam baits. Experiment also with small, whole squid. It's got to be a great bait.

Two reminders—keep your sinker ON THE BOTTOM at all times. Don't let it lift off the bottom as the boat goes up and down in a sea. Lower the rod tip when the boat goes up and raise it when the boat goes down. You'll keep the bait still and you'll be able to hit the fish quickly at any time. Also lower your rig at a slow to moderate speed rather than letting it rocket down to the bottom. This will help avoid having your snelled hooks wrap themselves around the leader on the way down, which would lead to poor bait presentation and few or no fish caught. Dress warm, ya'll and good fishing.

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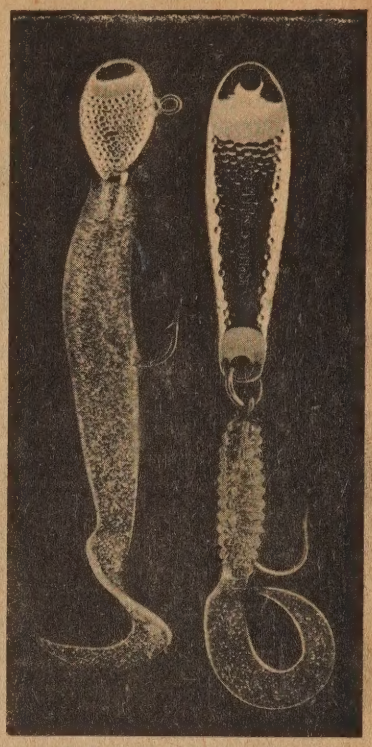

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A Lure That Never Misses....Always Works!

by Fred Schwab

It's a pretty safe bet that the title of his article aroused more than passing nterest among both beginner and veteran user's of artificials, and no doubt some of you are willing to wager that your's truly smokes "funny cigarettes.

Well, the truth is that this title was contrived to deliberately deceive the reader. The fact is, that a lure that always catches fish..."the perfect lure", simply does not exist, (if I am wrong, please send copies).

There are dozens of artificials, in an untold number of varieties available to both fresh and saltwater anglers. Add to this a myriad number of "home-mades" and the count is staggering. All or certainly most, given the right conditions and in the hands of those who know how to use them, will catch fish at one time or another, but each of us strives for consistency, thus it is the reliables, those which are time tested, that one uses the most, and it is these which the beginner should start out with.

To the beginner a tackle store's display of artificial tempters can be very confusing. If one of the better shops, the types and their variations will be considerably, seeming to include every conceivable size, color and design, thereby serving to increase the quandary which the neophyte finds himself in. How can he separate the reliable designs from the "clunkers"? Are any of the imitators as good as the more costly original designs? Which color patterns are best? Will some produce best at night and others during the day? Which were designed to fool the species I am most interested in catching? How and under what conditions are they used? These are some of the questions to be answered.

To be sure, choosing the most attractive varieties, those with the greatest eye appeal, would be the simplest but certainly, poorest method of selection. There is some truth in the saying that, "most lures catch more fishermen than fish." Rare indeed, is the angler whose inventory does not include some non-productive items purchased solely on the basis of eye appeal.

Basically, all lures are designed to fool or provoke a fish into striking, but make no mistake about it, there are those which do a far better job of it than others. In appearance, some bear a remarkable resemblance to a particular type or species of bait, the designer having paid strict attention to detail. Not only is it accurately shaped, but it's creator has added eyes, a mouth, scales, fins and all sorts of wiggly parts. Why some even seem to have a personality...through facial expression they appear to be frightened, grining, frowning, leering and I've seen a few which had sexy eyes. Others appear to be the product of an overactive imagination, perhaps something recalled from a horrifying nightmare, or a life form from some far away planet.

The imitative or provocative movement of a lure, when drawn through the water in a specific manner, is the basic quality which catches fish, thus some of the wierdest creations, when properly put to use, are transformed into real fish catchers. Such wierdo's as the Bottle Plug and the freshwater Flatfish are prime examples. This is not to say that accurate designs do not catch fish, many such as the Rebel and the Rapala successfully combine both action and appearance.

Whether you intend fishing in fresh or saltwater, one of the best and certainly most basic methods of lure selection is by observation. If you see a successful angler, find out what he's using and how he uses it. Even if a fellow is not blitzing the fish, but you know he's a regular, with a reputation as a smart fisherman, it's a pretty safe bet that whatever he is using the most, produces. You might attempt to seek his advice; most good anglers willingly share their basic knowledge when asked. But CAUTION, don't press him for secrets, that's the quickest and surest way in which to turn him off. If you stay with, and become dedicated to the sport, you will develop your own secrets and fully understand why some must be jealously guarded.

Another way in which to gain assistance in lure selection is to seek the advice of the tackle shop proprietor within the area in which you plan to fish. The sporting goods section of large department stores are in general fine, if you are looking to save a few pennies and know just what you need, but for the beginner, unless you know that the person behind the counter is knowledgeable you're better off seeking advice from the smaller, privately owned and far more specialized shops. These fellows usually are or were fishermen, carry a relatively complete and up to date line of equipment, and through their regular customers and other contacts, are kept abreast of what's happening on the fishing scene. They value your patronage and will try to steer you in the right direction so that you will keep coming back.

A third method is to read fishing publications and follow the outdoor columns carried in your local newspapers, however, one note of caution, if you read of a catch don't go overboard and buy a lifetime supply of the reported lure, one or two are enough until you've had a chance to test the fishing yourself. Now don't get me wrong, no outdoor writer is suspect, these fellows rely upon various sources for their information and week out those which prove to be unreliable, but to throw off the competition, it is standard practice among many anglers when reporting a catch, to omit some important detail, be evasive or just plain deviate...from the truth. Another factor is, that there can be and often are a lot of changes which take place between the time that the fish were caught and when you read or hear of the catch. For instance, the fish or the bait they were feeding on, may have moved from the reported area or for a variety of reasons they may have changed their feeding habits.

When you see those first selections, follow the directions on the packaging and observe how others, more successful than you, use them. Some lures are most effective when retrieved at an agonzingly slow and steady pace, others require a speedy retrieve or variable movement such as a popping or systematic jigging action, and to really complicate matters..... many lures, to be most effective, are not always handled in the same fashion, usually due to changes in water conditions or because a very specific presentation appeals to the fish on a particular occasion.

The working of a lure cannot be overstressed, there are many which simply do not catch fish unless handled in a "just-so" manner, under a particular set of circumstances. The beginner should learn how to work each lure that he intends to use and he

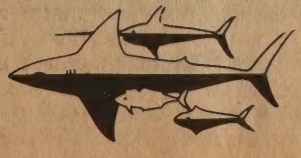
should carefully observe what effect various water conditions and each variation in the retrieve, have upon the lures action.

Eventually you will begin catching fish on a particular lure with comparative regularity and will develop confidence in that model, thereby reaching an important stage in the use of artificials. Confidence in a lure is important. It means that you believe in it's fish catching ability, have mastered or are well on the way to mastering the basic technique of using an artificial, and will find that learning to use still others, in the proper and most effective manner, will be a comparatively simple task if you have the desire to learn, and are willing to work at it.

To enjoy a reasonable rate of success in using artificials one must have a variety of lures in his inventory. Eventually, you will be stocking surface poppers, shallow and deep swimmers, bucktails, jigs, and some of the flexible plastic models which in relatively recent years, have flooded the market. You'll have lures that dart, dive, slide, slither, splash, pop, wiggle, gurgle and so on. But it doesn't end here, for you will find that you are stocking duplicates of those which you find to be steady producers and your supply will include certain models in a variety of weights, sizes, shades and color patterns. Experience will teach you that at times, certain colors will often work best and that bright colors on bright nights and dark shades on dark nights is a good rule to follow, but not always to be relied upon. Some plugs will be all but useless in daylight, but killers in the dark of night and vice versa. You will also discover that some lures produce very well in a current or in rough water, but are total failures in a motionless sea, and of course the reverse is also true.

You will develop favorites and these, of course, will be the ones that produce best for you. Eventually you may try to make some designs of your own or improve upon the standards, if you persist in this endeavor and you may be pleasantly surprised to find that you've developed a real fish catcher.

Fishing with artificials is not everyone's bag, often putting one's patience and back to the supreme test, but those good nights more than make up for the fishless one's. It's got a lot going for it. Give it a try.



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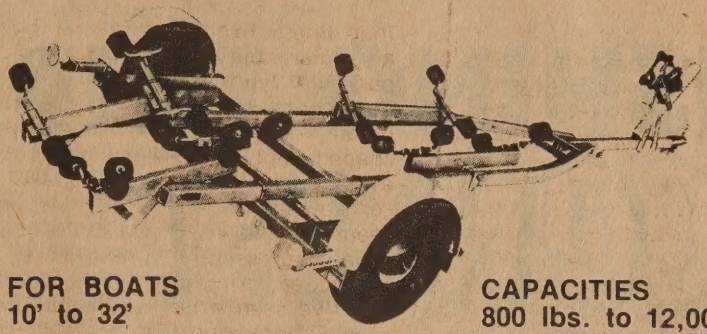

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WHITE PERCH—
Long Island Tidal River Champ
by Ron Miller

In these times of economic stress and legislative requests for us to tighten our belts, I can't think of a more enjoyable and economic way to fill a freezer with a good supply of delicious fresh fish than with a pailful of white perch. These scrappy little battlers fight like a largemough and taste like their first cousin the striped bass, and they are available now. Now is from November through March on any of our Long Island tidal streams, for any fisherman hardy enough to brave the cold and windy waters of Long Island.

The white perch is an anadramous fish, one which lives in saltwater and spawns in freshwater. While they seldom weigh in excess of two pounds, their silver sides, greenish-bronze backs, and fin structure give evidence to their strong family tie with striped bass. Get a hook into one, and you'll find that he means business. The short but broad-shouldered shape enables this fish to be one of the toughest little fighters, pound for pound, that it has ever been my pleasure to do battle with.

The white perch can be found in the Connequet, Nissequogue, Carman and Peconic Rivers and some seemingly landlocked lakes here on Long Island. I favor the Connequot below Sunrise Highway in Oakdale because it is near my Ronkonkoma home. I put my canoe in at Bubble Falls on Sunrise Hwy. Once under the railroad bridge at the bubble pool, the river runs narrow for a few hundred yards, then widens to a watery crossroads skirted by well-kept waterfront homes. When the perch are active, this area becomes a playing field of jumping, splashing flashes of silver.

Because they are a school fish, when you find one, you are in for some fine, fast, and furious action. In clear water, I have seen these little tusslers fight each other for the chance to take my lure, usually a white Abu-reflex spinner of not more than one-eighth-ounce in weight. They will often follow and nip at it for a hundred feet or more before trying to swallow the entire lure in their small mouths.

They are a temperamental fish, though, and there will be times when they will playfully porpoise around your boat while you wear out your casting arm trying to get them to take your lure or bait. When they suddenly decide to go on a feeding binge, it will ge just as frustrating. You may have spent two or more hours casting without results. You may have just sat watching a worm or minnow on a small float for the same length of time. Suddenly, your lure or bait will be attacked violently and you will wonder during the first battle whether you have been lucky enough to have hooked a striper or, if further inland, a largemouth bass.

When you land that first one, you'll know you have to move fast to keep up with the action that can last for from twenty minutes to three hours. When I use the spinning outfit, my favorite being the Garcia 510 for all its all-around use on both salt and fresh water, I keep the fish pail handy at my feet. I also keep a pair of needle nose pliers nearby to quickly remove the spinner, drop the fish and cast to the spot where I got the last strike. On two very memorable trips for the single purpose of filling the fish pail with perch for the freezer, I was able to do just that in less than three hours on each trip.

One of these was my first trip to the Connequot for a try at these ocean-grown perch. I had caught white perch before, but they were stunted due to their being landlocked and too prolific. It has been said they can't be overfished, even with a net, but I question this kind of statement, in spite of its originator.

I was not prepared for white perch weighing two pounds with a strike like a four pound bluefish. I paddled to the crossroads of the river and dropped anchor in the middle of the area where fish were jumping all around me, then stood up in the center of my canoe and began casting. On the third cast I had a strike that nearly caused me to lose my balance and tip the canoe. I sat down quickly, not knowing what I was into, and landed the fish after a good fight.

I quickly unhooked the little battler, got out my pocket scale and weighed him—more out of admiration for his fight than for his size. The fish weighed just under two pounds and was obviously the biggest perch I had ever seen. I put him in the pail and stood once more, prepared to do battle with these mighty midgets of the Conneguot. I not more than forty more casts, had twenty-five more perch that I kept, none of them weighing less than one and a half pounds.

I had not been fishing much more than two hours and I was tired. The thought of having to clean that many fish was not particularly energizing either, but I did it happily in the eager anticipation of the delicious taste of these miniature stripers poached in butter, wine, and a little lemon juice. A well-chilled chablis, a simple salad with Italian dressing, and boy, have you got a feast!

I use light spinning tackle, my favorite being the high-speed 510 on a light action, seven-foot rod. For even better sport, I like a fly rod with a small bucktail streamer. I start with the spinning rod to get some meat in the bucket, then switch to the fly for the sport. White perch are not leader shy; a six-pound-test tippet on a fly line will not scare them and will insure against their hearty attacks breading off a weaker tippet and a favorite streamer.

Whatever tackle you use, wherever you fish for these wonderful little panfish, you are sure to enjoy yourself. Someone once said that most people go fishing to escape the complex problems of their everyday world, to relax. But if you get into a school of white perch on one of our tidal rivers you won't have time to relax. You'll be too busy battling the lightweight champ of Long Island. What better way to take a beating?

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Rigging for Cod

by Stu Miller

When the fluke and bluefish, the flounder, and the bass have bid us farewell for their part of the year, we who fish all year round do not despair and put up our rods and settle down in front of the T.V. for the winter. Far from it! This is a time of year we look forward to, for now we can concentrate on catching cod, those hard pulling, exquisite tasting sluggers, which are around in good numbers from November through April in most local offshore grounds and at Montauk all year long. Fish will range from 3-60 lbs. or there abouts, so besides providing lots of good meals (a very important factor in these times we live in) you stand the good chance of catching a really lunker-size codfish, well worthy of having mounted if you don't want the fillets. Open boats sailing for cod, do so every day from Sheepshead Bay, Island Park, Freeport, Captree and Montauk. There are mumblings here and there to find and establish a fishery for cod in the Long Island Sound, but so far it's just talk.

Codfish rods should be 6-8' in length, and on the beefy side, so as to be able to handle the heavy sinkers which may be required in the deep, fast waters in which you'll be fishing and be able to subdue and bring up big, tugging cod and pollack; the pollack usually taken along with cod when fishing wrecks. Needless to say, these are NOT spinning rods, but sturdy conventional sticks. Your reel does not really have to go any bigger than 3/0, and a fast retrieve ratio is not critical here. A metal spool on the reel is required, to take the pressure which a big cod or pollack can inflict, crushing or cracking a plastic spool.

Line is your third critical factor. Everyone has his own game plan as to what test and type of line to use. Here's one you might want to try out. Fill your spool nearly all the way with 40 lb. braided dacron. This will allow virtually no stretch in the line between your reel and a fish. A critical factor when you think about the depths and swift currents you'll be encountering. You'll feel the fish easier when he takes the baited hook and you'll set the hook more easily. Using a blood knot, to the standing end of the braided dacron, tie in a 10' length of 50 lb. test nylon leader. The leader being transparent, will not spook a fish, will stretch very little due to its test and will stand up well to any snags or rocks down there in cow country. Tie in a hefty barrel swivel at the end of the leader.

The terminal tackle, (hooks, leaders sinkers) are the next important part to bailing cod and pollack, perhaps the most important. The diagrams should make the rig setup clear. The 2-hook rig is best for fishing open bottom, where there is little or nothing to get hung up on. It should catch the most fish. The single hook rig should be used when fishing over a wreck where a hang up is likely with 2 hooks. The single hook rig is also the choice of those who seek mainly big fish, pool winners and the like. I have found the best sinkers to use for cod are the diamond sinkers. Cod like a still bait, not one that moves. Even a heavy bank sinker rolls with the tide and current and will spook fish. The diamond sinker plops flat on the bottom and lays there, as though it were made of lead. Of course use the lightest diamond that will hold without being moved, rolled or tossed about

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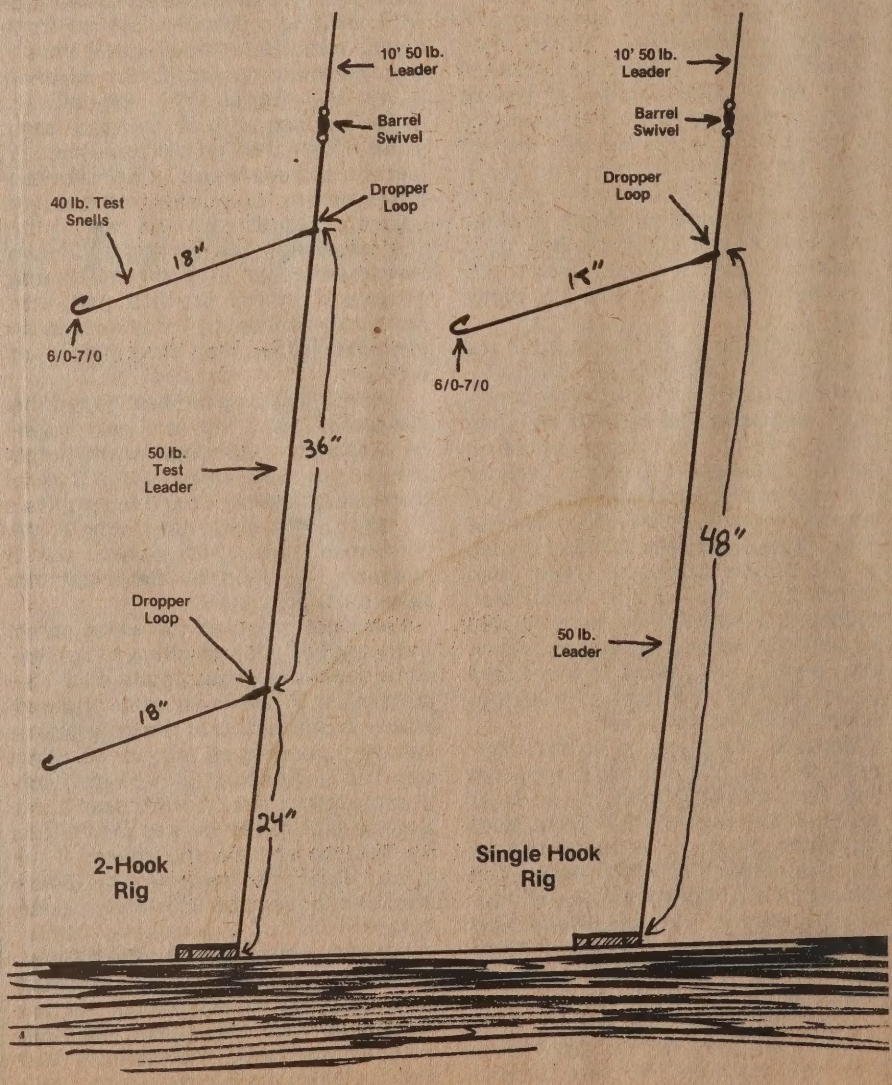

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Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** said that the codfishing has been good on Block Island wrecks and ledges. Average fish ranges from 6 to 15 pounds with the pool fish over 30 and there are quite a few jumbo sea bass, porgies, blackfish and bluefish mixed in. The boat is not crowded this time of year. The dogfish have moved into the Cartwright area, so the night bluefishing has been discontinued until next July.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** said that the porgy fishing has been holding up good in the Block Island area. Average catch per man is 50 to 60 fish with a few cod, pollack, sea bass and bluefish mixed in. During the week 2 fluke up to 7 pounds were also taken. This is the time of year when you never know what's going to come up on the end of your line.

Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II** said that fishing is very good and they are still knocking the hell out of giant bluefish 12 to 20 pounds at Cartwright. A few dogfish have moved into the area but not too many yet. When they become too numerous, the boat will return to the Race and Plum Gut for a mixture of bluefish and striped bass.

Tom Tighe of Brooklyn with a 56 lb. cod worth $993.00. George Shuman of Hackensack with a 27 lb. pollack worth $140.00 and Gary Linstor of Manhattan with a 54 pounder worth $34.00. The pool winners aboard the "Viking Star" set a record breaking amount of money totaling !1,167.00.

Jeff Whitaker of Syosset holding 2 of the 8, 10-15 lb. blues he and his father caught aboard the "Helen II" out of Montauk. Subscriber Club Photo.

Captain George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportfisher** was happy to tell us that there is now a better mixture of bass and bluefish with almost ⅓ of the catch striped bass. The bass are mixed sizes ranging from small schoolies up to 35 pounds. Trolling and jigging bucktails is producing the most bass and both tides are producing about even. The fish are scattered all over from the Point to the North Rips and all points between.

Captain Tom Duddleston of the charterboat **Four D's** said that there are plenty of bass and bluefish around. On a full day trip Sunday, 45 bluefish were taken and 24 bass up to 22 pounds were boated jigging feathers on wire line. Best areas are the Pollack Rip, North Rip and just outside of Can 3 at Jones.

Captain Frank Braddick of the **Hurry Up** called to give us last week's score between the New York Jets and the fish. Joe Namath, Rich Kaster, Steve Reese, Mark Lomas and John Riggins took 39 bass and 12 bluefish, making the final score Jets 41, Fish 0. A drop fish was called a fumble and a head call was "half time". The Captain told us that he is outgrown his boat unfortunately and has his eye on a 30 footer that he is going to set up as a bass boat for next year.

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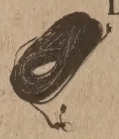

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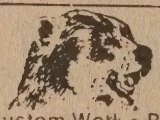

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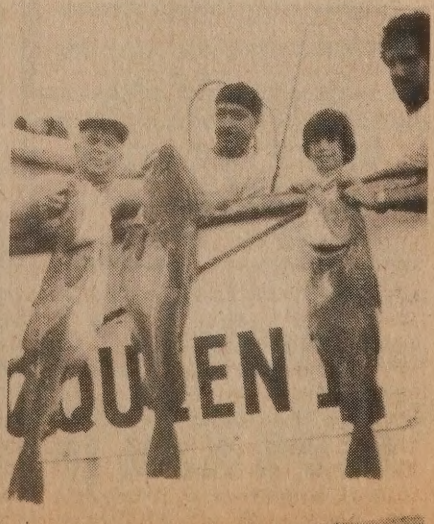

Mike Hrabik, David Malave and Jay Aronowitz with their catch aboard the "Peconic Queen II".

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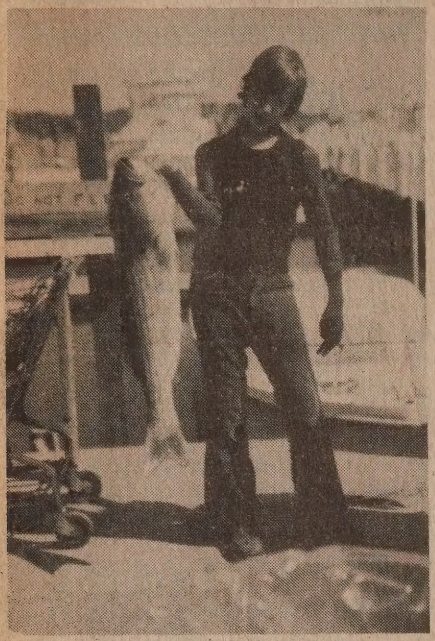

Richard Leva caught this 26 lb. striper along with blues 5-13 pounds and stripers 8-26 lbs. Subscriber Club Photo.

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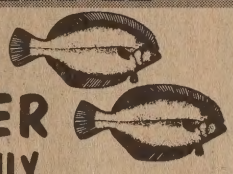
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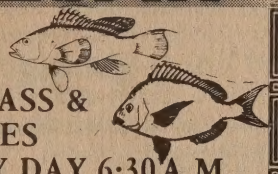
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Captain Murray Homelsky of the charterboat **Cherokee** is happy to say that the striped bass fishing has been great. Sunday morning's charter consisted of a party headed by Frank Messina of Sheepshead Bay and 5 friends. They boated 36 striped bass ranging from 10 to 40 pounds. At least 4 fish were in the 40 pound fish and 10 blues were also taken. All the bass were taken on wire line jigging bucktails in the Pollack Rip. On the afternoon charter which consisted of Lou Agudo of East Hampton and 4 friends, a dozen striped bass were boated and 10 bluefish. The bass were taken in the Pollack Rip and the bluefish were taken in the North Rip. The captain told us that he still had a few choice open dates left for the fall run of striped bass for those who are having trouble finding a boat that hasn't been booked up yet.

John DeMaio called to tell us that the bass fishing busted open on Sunday and the fish are now all over. Bill Herold and a party of 2 took 40 bass Sunday morning casting bucktails around the point. John Wills and a party of 3 also took 40 bass on Sunday afternoon casting bucktails. John noted that the better the fisherman can cast the better his catch of striped bass will be.

Jim Cullen, Jim Cullen Jr. and Tom Madigan pose with this 213 lb. shark Jim caught 25 miles S/E of Moriches Inlet.

Captain Dick Vigillant of the **Triton II** told us that the bass fishing has been much better and was very very good all week with at least 35 stripers taken a day. On Saturday, 9 bass over 20 pounds were taken and quite a few were between 15 and 20. Jigging bucktails on wire line is taking fish all over the place. There are still quite a few blues around but the catch ratio is now fifty/fifty bass and blues. Dick told us that he still has a few open dates after Thanksgiving for those who want to charter for codfish.

Capt. Lester Behan of the Peconic Queen II called to tell us that the boat is now only sailing open for giant cod on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. During the rest of the week the Queen is making exploration trips to locate virgin wrecks for the new **Peconic Queen III** which will be coming out of the shipyard shortly. On Wednesday, Capt. Jimmy Behan and mates Charlie, Jan and Steve found one offshore wreck that produced over 800 lbs. of giant codfish up to 60 lbs. with most of the fish ranging from 20 to 30 lbs. in 1¼ hours of fishing. Giant pollack and hake and monstrous 5 lb. bergalls that could chew your arm off were also on the wreck. Watch for the announcement for when the Maiden Voyage of the **Peconic Queen III** will be made.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** said that the 30 knott winds on Saturday held the catches down but striped bass were still taken on diamond jigs by the anglers aboard the open boat. On Sunday big slammer bluefish dominated the bulk of the action and filled up many of the bags to the top. Some striped bass were taken, but all aboard were not lucky enough to land one. More and more striped bass should be taken on the diamond jigs as the fall run progresses.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to say that the bass

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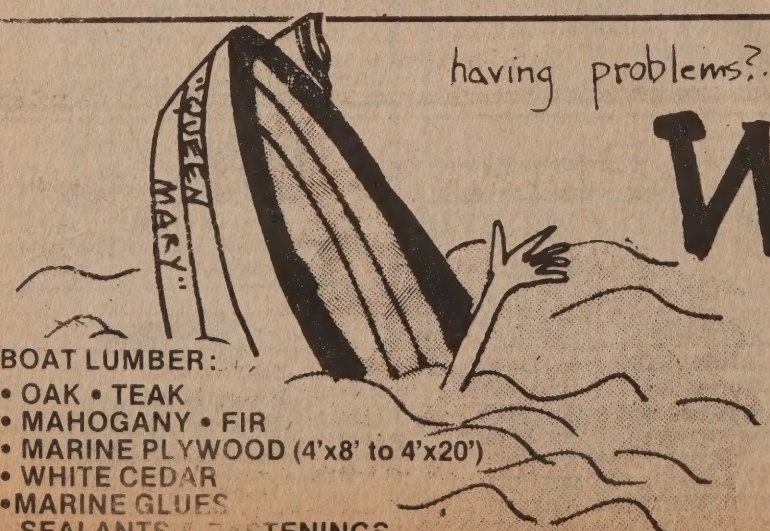

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PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** told us that it looks like the fishing for porgies and bluefish is all over after the blow on Friday and Saturday. Flounder have been picking up at Hicks Island and a few are being taken off the rock pile at the south end of Tobaccolot. The fish are more numerous close by but the larger flounder up to 3 pounds are being taken at Tobaccolot. Bloodworms and skimmer clam are the best baits. Drifting is producing best as long as it is slow enough. Art noted that the flounder should be starting at the bell buoy pretty soon. School stripers are being taken in Tobaccolot casting bucktails and poppers during the day when the fish are on top with birds working over them.

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Captain Clark Bellows Sr. told us that the **Captain Clark Boats** have been doing excellent with the blackfish and the fishing is now at its peak and can't get any better. They are fishing wrecks and Peconic Bay and the daily high hook is around 20 blackfish. On Sunday the pool was taken by an 11 lb. black. Sunday, November 16th, is the last day that the **Captain Clark Boats** will sail open until next spring, so if you want to get in on this great fishing, you will have to do it now. Clark told us that they still have a few open dates for codfish charters from December on.

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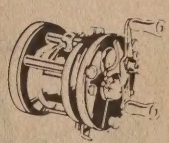

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HAMPTON BAYS

Frank's Fishing Station reports fair flounder fishing at buoy 12 and 14 chumming with corn or mussels and using bloodworms for bait. Best tide has been the top of incoming water. The water is still a little warm and the fishing should be improving as soon as we have a little cold snap.

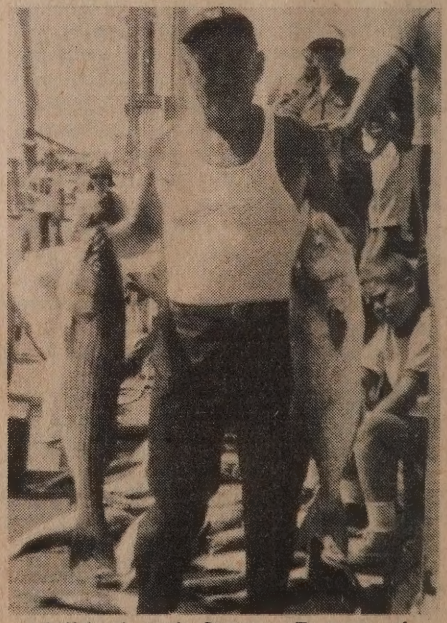
MORICHES BAY

John at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** reported good catches of flounder right in Harts Cove off the Coast Guard Station and also off Havens Point. Buoy 42 has slowed down for some reason. The fish are big and fat ranging from ¾ to 1½ pounds. Any moving tide with mussel chum and bloodworms for bait is producing fish. No reports of striped bass being taken.

Jack at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** reported lots of big blue claw crabs are being taken with traps around buoy 29 to the Red House. Flounder have been fair at Great Gun Beach and at buoy 39 in Harts Cove by the Coast Guard Station. A lot of guys have been trying for bass but none have been coming in.

MASTIC BEACH

Sean at **Keenan's Fishing Station** tells us that there are loads of flounder between buoys 21 and 23, gobbling bloodworms on all tides, fish up to 1



Mildred and George Forrest of Glen Head caught 35 striped bass and bluefish between 7 and 20 lbs. All of the fish were caught jigging near the lighthouse aboard the "Bluefin". Shown in the picture is George with a 18 ¼ lb. blue and a 20 lb. striped bass.

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pound. Lots of blackfish at the inlet on fiddlers at all tides, and a lot of blue claw crabs at high tide.

WEST SAYVILLE

Marty at **South bay Fishing Station** reports good flounder fishing at Nichols Point off LaSalle Academy about 1 mile off, between the point and buoy 5 with bloodworms and skimmers doing the job on all tides, with flounder averaging ¾ of a pound. You've got to work for your fish right now, and chumming helps.

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CAPTREE

Captain Bauer of the **Captain Whittaker** told us that he has been splitting up the day between blackfish and

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flounder. The blackfishing has been pretty good but the flounder have been slow. On Saturday they fished a local wreck in the bay and took an average of 25 blackfish per man on fiddler crabs. The pool fish was a 5½ pound black and it was too windy for flounder. On Sunday there was a fair catch of blackfish in 50 to 75 nice size flounder taken in the afternoon.

Captain Frank Swanson of the **Captain Swanson II** said that the flounder fishing has been fair but is improving. The best areas are in the State Channel and around the bridges and the fish are nice and fat. Bloodworms and clam for bait, any moving tide.

The **Captain Richie** also reported slow flounder fishing but said that is should be picking up as soon as we have a cold snap. The fish are good size, but there is not enough of them. Best areas have been off Heckscher and the flats and the State Channel. Bloodworms or clam on any moving tide.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** told us that it was a super week for bluefishing with tremendous catches taken but you better hurry because time is getting short. All week long catches averaged 15 to 18 fish per man with the blues ranging in size from 7 to 12 pounds and a few up to 14. Fishing has been hot on the wrecks northeast of the NB buoy in 100 feet of water.

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** also reported very good bluefishing on Sunday with the fish all 8 to 14 pounds. On Sunday 175 bluefish were taken for 12 people and half dozen codfish and loads of big seabass fishing wrecks east of the inlet. Saturday's fishing was tough with the high winds, but one wreck produced over 300 big seabass and blues were taken latter in the day. Plenty of dogfish are around so you have to move to get away from them. The water is still a little warm for codfish.

OAKBEACH

Bill at **The Store** says the flounder are pretty steady both north and south of The Store with bloodworms working best on pretty much of any stage of the tide. Blackfish at all jetty areas and rocky points with fiddlers, squid, and green crab working best. The Kismet Reef is producing a lot of blacks as are the bulkheads. On Saturday afternoon a 22 lb. and 40 lb. bass were taken off Cedar Beach by one surf caster using bunker chunks on one rod and a live eel on the other. An 18 lb. bass was taken on a live bunker cast from Cedar Beach, while on Monday a 36 and 45 lb. bass were taken on eels by a surfcaster at Cedar Beach. Tobay is also producing well on bass, and cooler weather has probably got these fish on a feed. Lots of big blue claws around also.

Wet-A-Line Bait and T reports good blackfishing at th Reef on fiddlers and green crabs w stripers falling to surfcasters and bo fisherman at Cedar Beach, using live eels and small blackfish. Flounder is a good bet on bloodworms, nearly anywhere in the State Channel.

BABYLON

Hi Hook Fishing Station reports excellent blackfishing by his skiffs at the Kismet inshore Artificial Reef up to 4 pounds, on fiddlers. Flounder fishing is fair with the fish taken being nice and fat, ideal for delicious fillets, all fish over ¾ of a pound.

Augie's Bait and Tackle tells us that on Sunday Babylon Tuna Club members Joe Caish and Ray Whitman fishing on the "Kathy Queen" bagged 50 bluefish, 10-13 pounds in 85 feet of water with one jumbo weighing in at 16.2 pounds. Sunday, the Babylon Tuna Club striper

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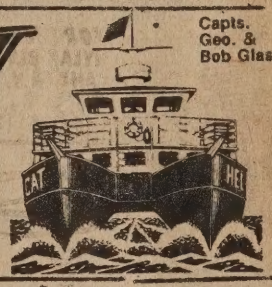

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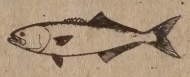

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contest saw George Byrnes take top honors with a 27.8 pound fish with stripes on a live eel, just outside of the inlet. Five other bass up to 7 lbs. were taken on eels and bellies. Nice flounder are being taken from East Fox Creek, Snake Hill Channel, and Dickerson's Channel, off Grass Island and the Pool, with a few at the Town Dock on bloodworms. Lots of crabs in the bay.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports stripers being taken in good numbers from boats and by surfcasters employing our good friends, the eels. Cedar Beach on the first two hours of outgoing, Jackie reports, seems to be working best for surfcasters. Fish in the 30-40 pound class have not been uncommon this week. Boaters seem to be doing best at night, two hours into a flooding tide, fishing the bottom with a four ounce drail in front of a six foot length of mono leader topped off by a live eel, fishing from the Coast Guard Station to the Old Inlet seems best. Stripers are also being taken in the State Channel on wire topped off with a bucktail. These are 6-10 pound schoolies. Blackfishing is very good on the inside Kismet Reef, fish up to 3 pounds on fiddlers and green crabs. Plenty of flounder, though a little on the small side in East Fox Creek, Babylon Cut and Grass Island.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports that bass are being trolled from the Fire Island Inlet east to the pound net in 40 feet of water. White or Purple coat hanger rigs by John Sekora fished on 250-300 feet of wire seems to be a winning combination. Mike Erhwine of the Sand Bar Mike, on a Busman's holiday, nailed a 20 lb. striper on Sunday, while trolling a Lupo Bunker Spoon. George advises that the Lupo Bunker Spoons and big yellow Danny Plugs being trolled from Jones Inlet to the Old Gilgo Coast Guard Station in 30 feet of water is accounting for mucho big bass this past week. Stripers are also falling to live eels in many different points in the bay. Cedar Beach is your best bet with eels if you are a member of the Sandspike Fraternity. Plenty of blackfish on baby green crabs at the Kismet Reef and also at offshore reef along with big seabass. The Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridges are also giving forth good catches of blacks. The last hour of each tide, slack water, are best. Flounder fishing is fair at West and Squaw Islands, Gilgo heading and the

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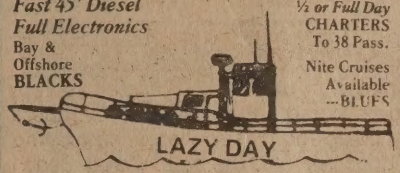

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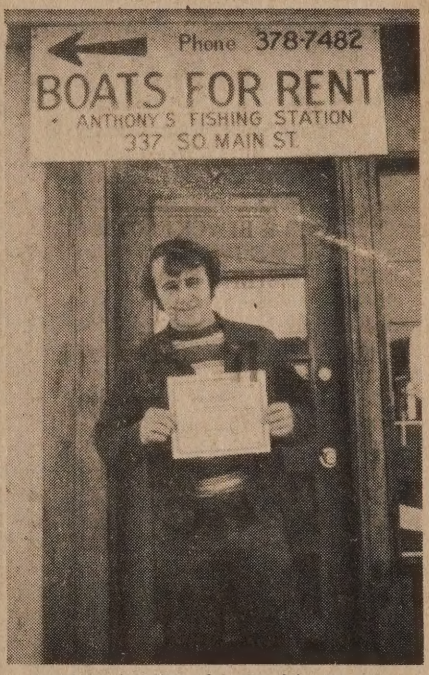
SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station tells of good flounder fishing at Squaw Island and on the west side of the draw bridge, fish of mixed sizes on worm and clam. Try Four Corners also. Crabs are all over, and be sure to try pole 61 on the left side of th e drawbridge, and the Massapequa flats. Blacks at the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing prior to the winds of Saturday, with fair flounder fishing on Saturday and Sunday, fish ½ to ¾ of a pound on worms, and just about anywhere you throw the anchor. Blacks at all the bridges up to 2 pounds on fiddlers and green crabs. Blue claws are plentiful and are all over the place.



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Steve Medici and Steve Callan both of Hastings caught these 2 bass of 25 lbs. plus a box of blues up to 17 lbs. The fish were caught at Gilgo Beach on Lupo Spoons aboard the "Kim".

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FREEPORT

Anthony's Fishing Station report flounder all along the marshy areas an in the canals, off Guy Lombardo's, i Fundy Creek and Swift Creek on worms The High Flats Drain Bridge is produc ing blackfish from ¾ to 1½ pounds, wit a 6 pounder pulled out of the pilings o Sunday on fiddler crab.

Bruno at **Hudson Point Marina** report Fundy and Swift Creek, and Squav Island producing best in the immediat area for good, fat flounder.

Roy at **Mako Marina** weighed in a 5 pound striped bass on Sunday taken o the Jones Beach barges on a drifted liv bunker. The flounder fishing is ver good off Nick's Fishing Station and i most of the canals and shallow areas Hudson canal is hot on a low tide, and i producing fat fish.

Capt. Johnny A of the **Miss Freepor** said the flounder was good all week Thursday and Friday showed a bit but o Saturday it picked up tremendously Sunday 15 fares took 400 fish some to lbs. The **Miss Freeport** has been fishin Swift Creek, Fundy Bay and severa spots in the State Channel.

Capt. "Spider" Schmidt of the **Alom II** said the flounder fishing during th week averaged 25 to 30 per angle Saturday winds brought the catch dow to about 15 per man and the same o Sunday.

The **Aloma** has been fishing th outside wrecks where there are bi blacks. Sea bass catches can go to ½ ba while a few porgies still linger on.

On Sunday Capt. J. Hall took the **Doc Oné** out for striped bass which wer elusive. The umbrella rigs which wer trolled in 35 to 40 feet of water off Gilg did produce blues instead. They ran 8-1 pounds. This coming weekend Capt. Hall will try for cod as the dog fish ar around.

Capt. Kessinger of the **Starstream** said they were fishing a mixed summe and winter catch. They had cod, porgie blues and sea bass. The catches wer fair considering the weather.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports fa flounder fishing this weekend conside ing the weather. Reynolds Channe buoys 16 and 18, Swift and Sea Do Creeks are all good spots. They are nic and fat about ½ to ¼ lb. Worms are be bait. Blacks are averaging 2-4 lbs. at th bridges and jetties with fiddlers an green crabs. A few big blues to 15 lb

were trolled outside the inlet. Striped bass are an unknown quantity at present. Blue claw crabs are being taken at buoys 13 and 15 in the inlet area.

The **Marie III** will come out of the shipyard this week. On the weekend Capt. Pollio will run open boat at # a.m. for cod.

ISLAND PARK

Ginnie-Mae is fishing local wreck for sea bass and blacks. They are doing fairly well with the blacks mostly 1-3 lbs. and a few of 5-7 lbs. The catch is mostly sea bass: Capt. Bill says he is anxiously awaiting the cod.

Shearwater skipper Capt. Don Eichen called to say that on Tuesday he had Art Kaefer and Frank Abbrusace of Queens Village out trolling off Lido, and they bagged a 14 and a 30 pound striped bass on gold colored Danny plugs at Dawn, while dropping 5 other fish, all bruisers.

LONG BEACH

Frank Herbst at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reports striped bass activity was erratic. High tide bunker dunking seems to be best. There are still bunker in the bay. Tom Meany, Brooklyn, and Bernie Haog of Long Beach were bunker dunking from their boat at the Atlantic Beach Bridge on Saturday. Tom scored with a 20 lb. striper and Bernie's went to 30 lbs. Blacks are running good at the outside jetties. They are all better than 1 lb. and taking crabs. Flounders to 1 lb. are at the trestle bridge. Clam chum and worms are taking them.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** reports the Long Beach and the Atlantic Beach shores were the areas to fish this past week, with Ronnie taking 4-5 stripers a day over 30 pounds, plus three fish over 40 on Lupo Spoons, big white Danny trolling plugs and tubes in roughly 30 feet of water. Friday's storm made it an early day and on Saturday no one could go out and fish due to the winds. Sunday very few fish were taken and those that were, were spaced between Fire Island and Monmouth New Jersey. Blues have thinned out considerably. The bass haven't reached Jersey yet in force.

Leon at **Hennings Fishing Station** said a late catch of weakfish were taken by Arthur Newman and Abner Schmidt on the boat Ronnie Donnie. They were drifting with worms off Rockaway Playland and took a box full. There are plenty of blacks at most of the bridges and piers. Flounder fishing is coming along well. Bannister Creek and east of Atlantic Beach along the private docks are good spots to fish with worms. Striped bass trolling with spoons and tubes along Lido and Long Beach has taken striped bass to 42 lbs. and a few blues.

JAMAICA BAY

Bill at **Yellow Shed Bait and Tackle** said the flounders are in good quantity at the trestle and near Idlewild Airport. They are taking blue[illegible] mussels. Blackfish are also there and you can use fiddlers. The North Channel Bridge has seen school size striped bass taken on live eels in the early morning. Lures have taken some also.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Tone B** reports they chummed up blues of 12-13 lbs. at the Farms. They took spearing and smelts. A few baby striped bass were taken from the bottom.

The **Flamingo II** reports 3-5 lb. blues and the same sized striped bass were taken on Sunday. They jigged in the Ambrose Channel.

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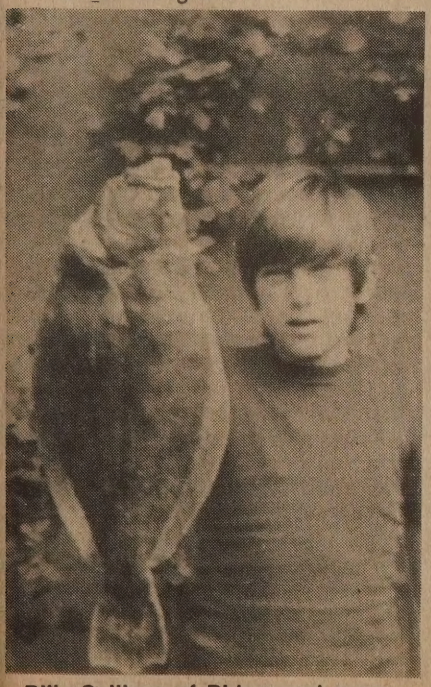

Billy Cullinan of Ridgewood poses with this 6 lb. doormat he took next to buoy 9 in Jones Inlet on a squid and sand eel combination out of Ed's Fishing Station.

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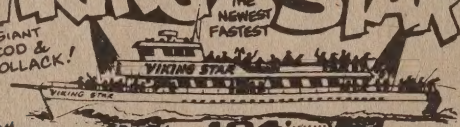

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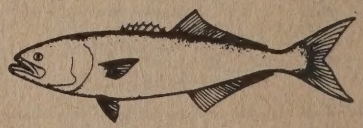

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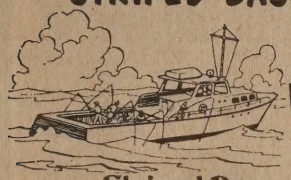
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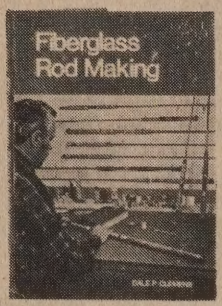

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Stella Maris Tackle reports there were lenty of blues on Sunday and Manattan Beach, the Farms and Nortons oint. The beach and the point produced r the troller while chum worked best at ne Farms. Bunker chunks on the bottom Coney Island got their share of blues so. Blacks are all over and taking ddler and green crabs. Striped bass has een slow.

Capt. Fred Ardolino of the **Amberjack** said this last cod trip was the roughest e has ever been on. Even his super nchors had difficulty holding ground. trong tide and winds to 50 mph made r difficult fishing. Even 30 oz. of lead iled to hold the bait on the bottom. hey came home with 80 cod and ollack.

STATEN ISLAND

According to Lenny at **Santos Sport hop** it has been hot and heavy at Penny each and Cliff Street. The striped bass re still hitting worms but you can still ol a few with lures. South Beach has een hit often with big blues to 14 lbs. hunk bunker is the bait when they hit ne beach. Steve Weber took a 27½ lb. riper there while working the blues. lounders are spread out. They are ½ to lb. and taking worms. The 21 an—Verrazanno bridge area was great r Joe Rereas on Friday. He trolled a unker spoon and took 6 striped bass, one under 30 lbs. and a load of blues)-14 lbs. There are more blues than riped bass but the bass are lunkers. aytime use bunker or Bingle Gorilla gs. At dark, use Creek Chubs or Lupo wimmers. Nortons Point has blues that re taking tubes or Bingle Gorilla rigs. Vest Bank and Romer Shoals is bunker unker heaven for striped bass.

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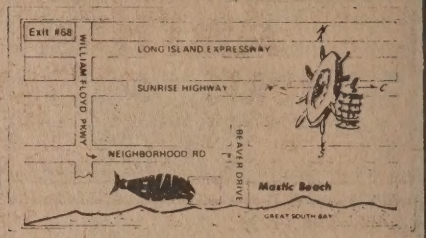

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Art White said there are loads of blues in the Race and the second rip off Green Hills. Striped bass are being bucktailed in Plum Gut but mostly in the evening. The Greenport Jetty, Fanning Point and all the docks and jetties are literally paned with blacks. Flounders are at Orient ferry and the bulkheads at Gull Island.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports large size blacks are at Mulford Point and in front of their Orient station. Flounders are at Pettys Bight and at Long Beach east of the agandoned lighthouse. The flounder fishing near Orient ferry has slowed. Some catches of 2 lb. flounder have been had on skimmers mostly. Plum Gut has striped bass of 10-15 lbs. on bucktails along with some blues. In Southold Bay there are blacks in the hole off the Greenlawns and at the Brickyard. The flounders are moving in Pipes Cove, Goose Creek and Beixedon.

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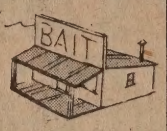

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Capt. John Fischer of the **Betty W** said the blacks are holding fair to good. Pool fish run from 7½ to 10 lbs. On Sunday John had two charters out. They trolled blues to 9 lbs. but the stripers seemed to be resting.

HUNTINGTON

Bob Parent at **Four Winds Tackle** said there are plenty of blacks at buoy 11B. Green crabs are taking the larger blacks but all sizes have come in on fiddlers. Snappers have been taken in on spots but its too late to try for them. All the harbors, Huntington, Lloyd, Centerport and Northport all have small flounders with Huntington and Centerport best for them. Striped bass are falling for wire line and bucktails at the rips at buoy 13 and 11B. There are blues mixed with the bass. School bass and blues of 5-7 lbs. are hitting the Ava-27 or big Hopkins jigs at the obstruction buoy.

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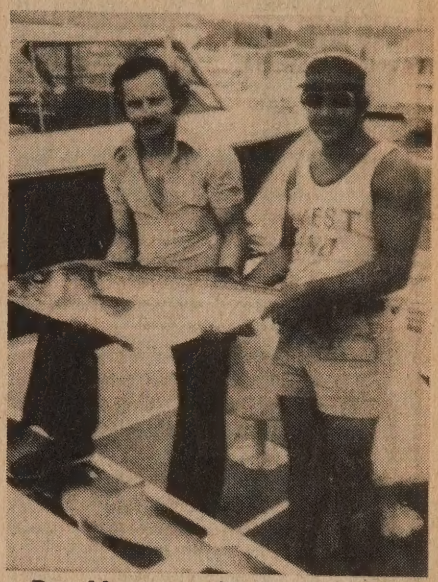
PORT WASHINGTON

Morelands Bait and Tackle said the striped bass at the rocky points are hitting well on worms. They are being taken in the early morning and are of good size. Bunker are still in the bay. Flounders are moving in and fish to one pound are being taken on worms. Blackfish are hitting fiddler and worms at Execution and Gangway Rocks.

CITY ISLAND

Jacks Bait and Tackle reports there are plenty of blacks at Pea Island, Execution Rocks and Sands Pint. Big ones of 9-11 lbs. are hitting fiddler and green crabs on a running tide. Good flounder and butterfish catches in Eastchester Bay are being made on shrimp as well as worms. School bass are taking a drifted worm at Harts island. "Are the blues gone", asked John. He couldn't answer his own question. There haven't been any around for the past three days.



Don Marco caught this 39½ lb. striper in Hempstead Harbor on bunker chunks.

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Staten Island

Good blackfishing at the Bug Light. Flounders are taking worms at Sprague Avenue and Manhattan Street. Some small bass in the same area. Trollers using bunker spoons have scored on some big bass at west Bank and Romar Shoals.

Sandy Hook

Bunker spoons producing bass here too and Gorilla rigs with green or red tubes are scoring blues to 14 lbs. Inshore, flounders are on the upswing.

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Rowayton

Blues are hitting chunks on the bottom around 11B. Flounder on the increase, worm is the bait.

Stamford

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ON →		SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE PORT	
DAY		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
11/6	THURSDAY	9:25	9:52	10:56	11:34	12:52	12:58	12:36	12:52
11/7	FRIDAY	10:16	10:48	11:49	—	1:43	1:47	1:27	1:43
11/8	SATURDAY	11:09	11:41	12:31	12:45	2:38	2:43	2:17	2:36
11/9	SUNDAY	—	12:02	1:30	1:45	3:42	3:52	3:12	3:33
11/10	MONDAY	12:34	12:54	2:31	2:48	4:48	5:09	4:08	4:29
11/11	TUESDAY	1:29	1:48	3:35	3:50	5:52	6:16	5:06	5:29
11/12	WEDNESDAY	2:25	2:44	4:31	4:47	6:49	7:15	6:01	6:24
11/13	THURSDAY	3:21	3:41	5:21	5:38	7:41	8:06	6:56	7:20

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

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Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
11/6	6:25	**12:50**	7:00	**1:10**
11/7	7:30	**1:50**	8:00	**2:15**
11/8	8:20	**2:45**	8:55	**3:15**
11/9	9:30	**3:40**	9:50	**4:05**
11/10	10:20	**4:05**	10:20	**4:55**
11/11	11:10	**5:15**	11:25	**5:35**
11/12	11:50	**5:50**	:	**6:15**
11/13	12:05	**6:30**	12:30	**6:50**

PHASES OF THE MOON

11-3	11-10	11-18	11-26
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

11-6	6:34	4:53
11-12	6:40	4:47
11-18	6:47	4:42
11-24	6:54	4:39

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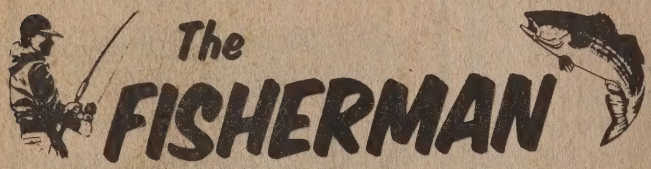

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